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FOR SSM - KONTOS FROM THORNE

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: POLICY ON FUEL PURCHASES

REF: STATE 057496

1. REFTEL STATES THAT SSM IS NOT AWARE THAT SFM HAS EXPERIENCED ANY MAJOR PROBLEM IN MEEING ITS FUEL REQUIREMENTS FROM MOBIL IN EGYPT. I CAN ONLY ASSUME FROM THIS THAT SSM PERSONNEL WHO HAVE VISITED HERE AND HAVE SEEN THE DIMENSIONS OF THE PROBLEM HAVE NOT INFORMED YOU OF IT. WE HAVE EXPERIENCED A CLIFF HANGER EVERY 8 TO 10 DAYS IN WHAT I CONSIDER TO BE THEMIMUM SAFETY OPERATING LEVEL IN OUR DIESEL/ GASOLINE REQUIREMENTS DUE TO REPEATED FAILURE OF MOBIL IN EGYPT TO KEEP THEIR WORD AND TO PROVIDE TANKER EQUIPMENT THAT CAN MAKE THE TRIP. WHEN WE GOT DOWN TO ONE DAY'S SUPPLY OF DIESEL TEN DAYS AGO, IT WAS THE LAST STRAW. IF WE DON'T HAVE FUEL TO KEEP THE GENERATORS OPERATING, WE ARE GOING TO BE OUT OF BUSINESS OUR HERE AND THERE IS ONLY ONE ALTERNATIVE AT THE PRESENT TIME AND THAT IS TO USE PAZ OF ISRAEL WHEN WE CANNOT OBTAIN THE NECESSARY POL FROM EGYPT.

2. IF THIS IMPACTS ON THE CONTRACT TO A GREAT EXTENT, I AM SURPRISED TO HEAR IT. MY REQUIREMENT TO THE CONTRACTOR DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A PERMANENT REQUIREMENT BUT I CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT WE WILL NOT HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO RELY ON PAZ FROM TIME TO TIME WHEN THE EGYPTIANS FAIL TO DELIVER. IF THIS IMPACTS ON CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, I RECOMMEND THAT PLANNING INCLUDE THE REQUIREMENT FOR ORDERING FROM PAZ ON THE AVERAGE OF ONCE A MONTH TO THE TUNE OF 20,000 LITERS FOR DIESEL FUEL AND 10,000 LITER S OF GASOLINE.

3. E-SYSTEMS PROJECTS MANAGER CONCURS.

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